



Office of Real Property Utilization and Disposal  
U.S. General Services Administration  
Invitation for Bids

**SALE OF GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY**

## **FORMER MOSCOW OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR SITE**



IFB Number: IFB# 1-PZ-11-0005  
Sale/Lot Number: BOSTN111002001

## **Auction Summary**

Sale Type: **Online Auction**

Start Date: **Monday, September 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. (Central Time)**

End Date: **To Be Determined**

Starting Bid: **\$ 100,000**

Registration Deposit: **\$ 50,000**

Bid Increment: **See Website**

## **Property Information and Auction Questions**

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## **Online Auction**

[RealEstateSales.gov](http://RealEstateSales.gov)

## **Send Bidder Registration Form and Registration Deposit to:**

U.S. General Services Administration

Real Property Utilization and Disposal (1PZ)

10 Causeway Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02222

Attn: Ms. Lawanda Maryland

## **GSA's Property Disposal Web Page**

<https://propertydisposal.gsa.gov>

Go to [RealEstateSales.gov](http://RealEstateSales.gov) for the most up-to-date information on the sale of the Property

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# PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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## SALE PARCEL DESCRIPTION

The former Moscow Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Radar Site (hereafter "Moscow OTHB Radar Site" or the "Property") is located on Stream Road Extension off of US Route 201 in Moscow, ME. Although a majority of the Property is located in the Town of Moscow, a portion of the Property (approximately 320 acres) is located in the neighboring Town of Caratunk as seen on the cover page. Bidders are urged to contact representatives of both towns with questions on potential reuse or other local issues.

The Property consists of approximately 1,425 acres of land divided into three rectangular parcels referred to as "sectors" by the U.S. Air Force ("USAF"). Each sector is improved with a single warehouse-style building of steel and metal construction; Sector 1 has an additional garage-style building. All three buildings contain approximately 14,000 square feet, with nearly identical layouts that include restrooms, office space, supply rooms, an overhead garage door, and large open bays. The garage-style building is approximately 900 square feet. In the Fall of 2009, the USAF removed antennae arrays located in each sector; however, a metal ground screen that is laid out in an approximate 12" x 12" grid remains in each sector. The ground screen was formerly used to deflect incoming signals into the array and to retard the growth of vegetation.

All three main warehouse buildings include a Caterpillar 3208 Olympian 75kW Generator, fire suppression systems, water pumps, and Leibert HVAC units. According to the USAF, one of the three Caterpillar generators may need significant maintenance; the other two units are believed to be in good working condition.

## TAX PARCEL ID (OR ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.)

APN: Map R4, Lot 5

Town of Moscow, Somerset County, State of Maine

APN: Map 2, Lot 3

Town of Caratunk, Somerset County, State of Maine

## EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS AND RESERVATIONS

The Property is subject to four non-exclusive easements benefitting the S.D. Warren Company (now likely owned by Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.) for use of timber roads across the Property. The easements listed below can be identified by tract number on the survey posted on <http://www.realestatesales.gov>.

1.	Main Access Road Easement Tract 107	<i>Total Acreage: 19.56 acres</i>
2.	Secondary Access Road Easement Tract 107	<i>Total Acreage: 107.68 acres</i>
3.	Crossing Easement Tract 107	<i>Total Acreage: 1.03 acres</i>
4.	Main Access Road Easement Tract 107-4	<i>Total Acreage: 5.80 acres</i>

## UTILITIES & SERVICE PROVIDERS

Procurement of utility service shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser as of the date of conveyance. Bidders are urged to contact the appropriate utility providers for information on the availability of utilities.

### Electric

Central Maine Power Company. The Customer Service Agreement between USAF and Central Maine Power Company will expire as of September 30, 2011. Bidders are urged to contact Central Maine Power Company about obtaining a new agreement.

**Gas**

No natural gas is available at the site

**Telephone**

Unknown

**Water**

Water is provided by on-site wells – one in each sector measuring 420 feet deep. Refer to the Air Force's February 2007 Final Environmental Baseline Survey found at [www.realestatesales.gov](http://www.realestatesales.gov) regarding naturally occurring arsenic in the groundwater. A restriction will be included in the deed preventing the use of drinking water (see: Notices and Covenants Section)

**Solid Waste Disposal**

A septic system is used to dispose of sewage and wastewater. There is a leach field with holding tanks for each sector. All sectors have septic tanks, each holding 1,500 gallons. When the solids fill the septic tanks, they are pumped into the holding tanks for proper disposal at the nearest sewage disposal facility. The leach fields measure 100 feet by 100 feet.

# GENERAL TERMS OF SALE

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## DEFINITIONS

The terms described in paragraphs a) through z) below shall have the meanings set forth therein.

a) **ACCEPTED BID**

The term "Accepted Bid" refers to a Bid that the Government elects to accept.

b) **ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT**

The term "Additional Deposit" is defined in the Additional Deposit and Transaction Closing Section of the Instructions to Bidders portion of this IFB.

c) **AGREEMENT OF SALE**

The "Agreement of Sale" is defined in the Agreement of Sale Section of the General Terms of Sale portion of this IFB.

d) **AS-IS**

The term "As-Is" means that the Government is selling, and the Bidders are offering to purchase the Property in whatever condition it presently exists, and that the Purchaser will accept the Property "with all faults," whether or not they could be ascertained by an inspection of the Property or review of any due diligence material available.

e) **AUCTION**

The term "Auction" is defined in the Type of Sale Section of the Instructions to Bidders portion of this IFB.

f) **BACKUP BIDDER**

The term "Backup Bidder" refers to the Bidder whose Bid is determined by the Government to be the second most advantageous Bid, as determined by the Government.

g) **BID**

A "Bid" is an offer to purchase the Property subject to the terms and conditions of this IFB for an amount of money designated by the Bidder.

h) **BID INCREMENT**

The "Bid Increment" is a specified amount of posted on the Website.

i) **BIDDER(S)**

The term "Bidder" or "Bidders" as used herein refers to the offeror or offerors for the purchase of the Property.

j) **BIDDER REGISTRATION FORM**

The term "Bidder Registration Form" refers to the form titled "Bidder Registration for Purchase of Government Property."

k) **CLOSING DATE**

The "Closing Date" is defined in the Tender of Payment and Delivery of Instrument of Conveyance Section of the General Terms of Sale portion of this IFB.

l) **EIN**

The term "EIN" refers to an entity's Employer Identification Number.

m) **GOVERNMENT**

The term "Government" refers to the United States of America, and is used interchangeably with "Grantor."

n) **GSA**

The term "GSA" refers to the United States General Services Administration, a federal agency.

o) **HIGH BID**

The term "High Bid" refers to the Bid offering the highest amount of money. The Website identifies the High Bid as either the "Current Winning Bid" or the "Current Bid".

p) **INACTIVITY PERIOD**

The "Inactivity Period" is defined in the Auction Close Section of the Instructions to Bidders portion of this IFB.

q) **INITIALLY ANTICIPATED CLOSE OF AUCTION**

The "Initially Anticipated Close of Auction" is defined in the Auction Close Section of the Instructions to Bidders portion of this IFB.

r) **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The terms "Invitation for Bids" and "IFB" refer to this document and the following items that are a part hereof: the Property Description; General Terms of Sale; Instructions to Bidders; Notices and Covenants. Bidder Registration Form for Purchase of Government Property. Any exhibits and/or forms that are attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein by reference. Should the aforementioned documents be modified or supplemented by any addenda or amendments issued by the Government prior to the conclusion of the Auction, those addenda and amendments shall be part of the IFB.

s) **PROPERTY**

The term "Property" refers to the property or properties described in the Property Description of this IFB.

t) **PURCHASE PRICE**

The "Purchase Price" is the amount of money offered in the Accepted Bid.

u) **PURCHASER**

The term "Purchaser" refers to the Bidder of the Accepted Bid, and is used interchangeably with "Grantee."

v) **REGISTRATION DEPOSIT**

The term "Registration Deposit" is defined in the Bidder Registration and Deposit Section of the Instructions to Bidders portion of this IFB.

w) **SSN**

The term "SSN" refers to a Social Security Number.

x) **TIN**

The term "TIN" refers to a Tax Identification Number.

y) **WHERE-IS**

The term "Where-Is" means that the Government is selling, and the Bidders are offering to purchase the Property in whatever location it presently exists.

z) **WEBSITE**

The term "Website" refers to the GSA Auctions® website, [GSAuctions.gov](https://GSAuctions.gov), which has been developed to allow the general public the opportunity to bid electronically on a wide array of Federal assets, including real property. Auctions for real property are offered as a separate asset category at GSA Auctions and can be viewed at [RealEstateSales.gov](https://RealEstateSales.gov).

## **DESCRIPTION PROVIDED IN IFB**

The description of the Property and all other information provided with respect to the Property are based on information available to the GSA Office of Real Property Utilization and Disposal (1PZ) and are believed to be correct. Any error or omission, including but not limited to, the omission of any information available to the agency having custody over the Property and/or any other Federal agency, shall NOT constitute grounds or reason for nonperformance of the Agreement of Sale, or claim by Purchaser for allowance, refund or deduction from the Purchase Price.

## **INSPECTION**

The Website will be updated to include any dates on which the Property will be open for inspection.

Bidders are invited, urged, and cautioned to inspect the Property prior to submitting a Bid. The failure of any Bidder to inspect, or to be fully informed as to the condition of all or any portion of the Property, will not constitute grounds for any claim or demand for adjustment or withdrawal of a Bid after the start of the Auction. **No one will be allowed access to the Property without the presence of a GSA employee or designee.**

## **AGREEMENT OF SALE**

This IFB and the Accepted Bid shall constitute an agreement for the sale of the Property by and between the Purchaser and the Government (the "**Agreement of Sale**"). The Agreement of Sale shall constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the Purchaser and the Government and no oral statements or representations made by, for, or on behalf of either party shall be a part of the Agreement

of Sale. The Agreement of Sale shall not be amended, modified, revised or otherwise altered except by a written instrument signed by both the Purchaser and the Government. In addition, the Purchaser shall not transfer or assign the Agreement of Sale or any or all of the Purchaser's interest therein without the prior, express written consent of the Government, which consent may be withheld by the Government in its sole and absolute discretion. Any assignment made without such consent shall be void.

## **CONDITION OF PROPERTY**

The Property is offered for sale **"AS IS" AND "WHERE IS"** without representation or warranty, expressed or implied. This includes, but is not limited to, representations or warranties concerning the title, zoning, development potential, character, condition, size, quantity, quality and state of repair of the Property. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this IFB, the Government makes no agreement or promise to alter, improve, adapt or repair the Property. Each Bidder shall rely solely on its own due diligence investigation in determining to place a Bid. The Purchaser acknowledges that there will be no claims or any allowances or deductions upon grounds that the Property is not in condition or fit to be used for any particular purpose.

## **ZONING**

Verification of the present zoning and determination of permitted uses, along with compliance of the Property for any proposed future use, shall be the responsibility of the Bidder. The Government makes no representation in regard to zoning matters. Any inaccuracies or changes in the zoning information shall NOT be cause for adjustment or rescission of any Agreement of Sale.

Given the potential impact to the local community, the Town of Moscow has recently passed a resolution regarding future uses of the Moscow OTHB Radar Site. Please contact the Town of Moscow for further information regarding this resolution.

## **RISK OF LOSS**

As of the date of conveyance of the Property, the Purchaser shall assume all obligations and liabilities of ownership to the Property including, without limitation, sole responsibility for the care and handling of the Property and all loss and/or damage related to the same (including, without limitation, the buildings and/or improvements located thereon), and no claim for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after the close of the Auction. In the event of any damage or loss to the Property prior to conveyance of the Property to the Purchaser, the Government shall have the right to terminate the Agreement of Sale. In the event of such termination, the Government will return to the Purchaser all funds previously delivered by the Purchaser to the Government, and thereafter the Government shall have no further liability to the Purchaser.

## **TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER COSTS**

As of the date of conveyance of the Property, the Purchaser shall assume responsibility for all general and special real and personal property taxes and/or other assessments which have been or may be assessed on the Property, and for all sums due to be paid by the Government in lieu of taxes, which amount shall be prorated.

## **REVOCATION OF BID AND DEFAULT**

In the event of revocation of a Bid prior to acceptance of an Accepted Bid, or in the event of revocation of a Bid after acceptance of an Accepted Bid, or in the event of any default by the Purchaser in the performance of the Agreement of Sale, or in the event of failure by the Purchaser to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Agreement of Sale, the Government shall have the right, in its sole discretion: (A) to require the forfeit of the Registration Deposit and the Additional Deposit (if applicable) to the Government, following which, the Bidder or Purchaser, as the case may be, shall be relieved from



further liability and obligations; or (B) to avail itself of any and all legal or equitable rights which it may have under the law.

## **GOVERNMENT LIABILITY**

If the Government accepts a Bid and (1) the Government fails for any reason to perform its obligations as set forth herein; or (2) title does not transfer or vest in the Purchaser for any reason, although Purchaser is ready, willing, and able to close; or (3) any other contractual claim or cause of action hereafter accrues in favor of the Purchaser under the terms of this IFB, then, unless otherwise expressly provided in this IFB, the extent of the Government's liability to the Purchaser shall be strictly limited to all amounts of money the Purchaser has paid to the Government (without interest). Upon the refund to the Purchaser of such money (without interest), the Agreement of Sale shall be deemed terminated and of no further force and effect and the Government shall have no further liability to the Purchaser.

## **TITLE EVIDENCE**

Any Bidder, at its sole cost and expense, may obtain any title evidence relating to the Property. The Government will, however, cooperate with the Purchaser or his or her authorized agent in this transaction, and will permit examination and inspection of such deeds, abstracts, affidavits of title, judgments in condemnation proceedings, or other documents relating to the title of the Property, as GSA may have available. It is understood and agreed that the Government is not obligated to pay for any expense incurred in connection with title matters or survey of the Property.

## **TITLE**

If a Bid is accepted, a quitclaim deed or a deed without warranty in conformity with local law and practice will convey the Government's interest. The Government does not pay for or provide title insurance.

## **EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS AND RESERVATIONS**

The Property will be sold subject to: (A) any and all covenants, reservations, easements, restrictions, encroachments, and rights, recorded or unrecorded, in favor of third parties including, without limitation, any and all such covenants, reservations, easements, restrictions, encroachments, and rights for highways, streets, power lines, telephone lines and equipment, pipelines, drainage, sewer and water mains and lines, public utilities, public roads, railroads and other rights-of-way; and (B) any easements, reservations, rights and covenants reserved by the Government herein.

## **COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

The Purchaser warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any person or agency that is not a "bona fide established commercial agency" (described below) to solicit or secure acceptance of a Bid upon any agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. Breach of this warranty shall give the Government the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate the Agreement of Sale without liability and/or, in addition to any relief available to the Government pursuant to the "Revocation of Bid and Default" Section above, to recover from the Purchaser an amount equal to the amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. A "bona fide established commercial agency" has been construed to include a licensed real estate broker engaged in the business generally. In the event the Purchaser has employed or retained a bona fide established commercial agency in connection with this IFB, the Purchaser warrants that any fee or commission due to the same shall be borne solely by the Purchaser.

## **TENDER OF PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF INSTRUMENT OF CONVEYANCE**

The closing date of the sale (the "**Closing Date**") will be set by the Government and will be no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the acceptance of the Accepted Bid. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, the Government reserves the right to extend the Closing Date for a reasonable amount of time.

By the Closing Date, the Purchaser shall tender to the Government the balance of the Purchase Price in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or electronic wire transfer. Upon confirmation that the Purchaser's funds have been received by the Government and are to the satisfaction of the same, the Government will deliver to the Purchaser the instrument, or instruments, of conveyance. Possession of the Property will be assumed by the Purchaser as of the date of conveyance of the Property.

## **DELAYED CLOSING AND PURCHASER'S REQUEST TO DELAY**

- a) The Purchaser shall pay interest on the outstanding balance of the Purchase Price at the rate described in the next sentence if the completion of the transactions contemplated in this IFB is delayed, and the delay is caused, directly or indirectly, by the Purchaser's action or inaction and not by any action on the part of the Government. The interest rate shall be computed and begin accruing, as of the date of acceptance of the Accepted Bid, based on the yield of 10-year United States Treasury maturities as reported by the Federal Reserve Board in "Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15" plus 1-1/2% rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent (1/8%).
- b) Any request by the Purchaser to extend the Closing Date is subject to the prior written approval of the Government. The Government reserves the right to refuse any such request. However, if the Government grants such request, the Government reserves the right to impose additional terms and conditions on any such grant.

## **CLOSING COSTS, DOCUMENTARY STAMPS AND COST OF RECORDING**

All closing costs, including escrow and financing fees, shall be borne solely by the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall pay all taxes and fees imposed on this transaction and shall obtain, at Purchaser's own expense, and affix to all instruments of conveyance and security documents, such revenue and documentary stamps as may be required by Federal, state and local law.

All instruments of conveyance and security documents shall be placed on record in the manner prescribed by local recording statutes at the Purchaser's expense.

A conformed copy of the recorded quitclaim deed shall be provided by the Purchaser to GSA, within five (5) business days after recording, at the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration  
Office of Real Property Utilization and Disposal (1PZ)  
Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Building  
10 Causeway Street, 10th Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02222  
Attn: Mr. John Dugan

## **OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT**

No member or delegate to the Congress or resident commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of the Agreement of Sale or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to the Agreement of Sale if made with a corporation for its general benefit. GSA employees are prohibited from bidding on the Property.

**ANTITRUST LAWS**

The Agreement of Sale may be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States for advice as to whether the sale would tend to create or maintain a situation inconsistent with anti-trust laws. The Government may rescind the acceptance of any Bid if unfavorable advice is received from said Attorney General, without liability on the part of the Government other than to return any and all deposits held by the Government without interest.

# INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

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## AUCTION START DATE

The Auction opens on **Monday, September 19, 2011** at **9:00 a.m.** (Central Time).

## TYPE OF SALE

The sale of the Property will be conducted through an online auction on the Website (the “**Auction**”).

## BIDS AND TERMS OF SALE

Bids to purchase must be ALL-CASH. The Purchaser must arrange for its own financing and pay the balance of the Purchase Price in full by the Closing Date. No Government credit terms are available. GSA has no information on the availability of private financing or on the suitability of the Property for financing.

## STARTING BID

The amount of the starting Bid is \$100,000. Such amount does not represent the value of the Property but rather provides a reasonable starting point for the Auction. The Government seeks to obtain fair market value for the Property and reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

## BIDDER REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT

a) Bidder registration is a three-step process. All steps must be fully completed in the manner described below.

1. Complete Online Registration: Bidders must register online at the Website. Once on the Website, click on “Register”, establish a username and password and provide the requested account information. A username and password are used to register online and to place Bids. The password must be between six and fifteen characters. Each Bidder will be asked to read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Website, which GSA hereby reserves the right to change. **Notwithstanding the above, each Bidder understands that the terms and conditions of this IFB shall govern in the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Website and the terms and conditions of this IFB.** A Bidder that previously registered on the Website can login using the username and password that such Bidder previously established. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to establish its username and password on the Website. In the event a Bidder forgets its username or password, or both, or is locked out from the Website, GSA staff cannot assist in retrieving a lost or forgotten username and/or password.

A Bidder may register on the Website as either an individual or as an entity provided, however, that the Bidder information submitted as a part of the registration on the Website must be the same information provided on the Bidder Registration Form. Any request to change the name of the Purchaser after acceptance of any Bid may be withheld or granted by the Government in its sole and absolute discretion. If an individual wishes to Bid on the Property as both an individual and as the authorized representative of an entity, such Bidder must ensure that the individual and the entity are separately registered and, thereafter, place Bids accordingly.

In accordance with Public Law No. 104-134, Section 31001, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the TIN must be provided by anyone conducting business with the Federal Government, from which a debt to the Government may arise. Individuals cannot successfully register to Bid without providing a TIN. A TIN is defined as an individual's SSN or a business entity's EIN. If a

Bidder registers as an individual, his or her SSN will be validated with such individual's name and address. If a Bidder registers as an entity, its EIN will be validated with such entity's name and address. The use of an individual's SSN is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), and will be collected only to verify the data submitted by the Bidder and for any refund of the Registration Deposit.

A credit card validation process will be conducted to prevent potential fraudulent bidding activity and to ensure that Bidders are prepared to accept responsibility for their bidding activity. **The credit card information provided as a part of the online registration process is used strictly for validation purposes. The Website does not automatically charge credit cards on file.**

For more information and assistance with the online registration process, please go to the Website.

2. Complete Bidder Registration Form: Bidders must complete and submit the Bidder Registration Form that accompanies this IFB. All information and certifications requested thereon must be provided. Any Bidder Registration Form that fails to furnish all required information or certifications may be summarily rejected. The Bidder Registration Form must be filled out legibly with all erasures, strikeouts and corrections initialed by the person signing the Bidder Registration Form. The Bidder Registration Form must be signed and dated. Additional Bidder Registration Forms are available upon request or Bidders may photocopy and/or print the form that accompanies this IFB.
  3. Provide Registration Deposit: A deposit in the amount of \$50,000 (the "**Registration Deposit**") must accompany a Bidder's Bidder Registration Form. Registration Deposits must be provided in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express). Personal or company checks are NOT acceptable and will be returned to the sender. Checks must be made payable to: "U.S. General Services Administration." If a Registration Deposit will be paid by credit card, Bidders must also provide the requested credit card information under the portion of the Bidder Registration Form titled "Registration Deposit". The Registration Deposit cannot be made via the Website. All Registration Deposits paid by cashier's check or certified check will be deposited with the U.S. Treasury, in a non-interest bearing account, promptly following the Government's receipt of the same.
- b) To complete the Bidder registration process, send the completed Bidder Registration Form, along with the Registration Deposit, to:
- U.S. General Services Administration  
Office of Real Property Utilization and Disposal (1PZ)  
Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Building  
10 Causeway Street  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02222  
Attn: Ms. Lawanda Maryland
- If the Registration Deposit is to be paid by credit card, the Bidder Registration Form can also be submitted to GSA by fax at (617) 565-5720.
- c) At such time that the Bidder completes the online registration process on the Website, GSA receives the fully completed Bidder Registration Form, and GSA verifies the Bidder's Registration Deposit is received and in satisfactory form, the Bidder will be allowed to participate in the Auction.
  - d) It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that adequate time is available to complete the registration process as described above. The Government makes no representation or guarantee that any additional assistance or time will be provided to complete the registration process. No Bidder will be allowed to participate in the Auction until the entire registration process is complete.

- e) Registration may occur at any time prior to the close of the Auction. The Government, however, makes no representation or guarantee that a Bidder's registration will be completed prior to the announced date and time for the anticipated close of the Auction. Therefore, Bidders are encouraged to register before the Auction opens.
- f) In the event a party completes the Bidder registration process, but never places a Bid on the Website, such party will be entitled to a refund of its Registration Deposit.

## **BIDDING IN GENERAL**

- a) After successful completion of the registration process described above, Bidders are permitted to participate in the Auction. Registered Bidders may place Bids by following the instructions on the Website. By submitting a Bid through the Website, each Bidder agrees that its Bid is a binding offer to purchase the Property. This means that Bidders are legally bound by any and all Bids submitted using such Bidder's username and password.

The Website provides up-to-date information on a Bidder's bidding status. A Bidder can check its bidding status by clicking on the "Bid History" section of the Website.

- b) Bids received through the Website are date and time stamped Central Time. The Government will not be responsible for any discrepancies between the time indicated on the Website and any other time indicated, displayed, or otherwise stated or represented by a Bidder.
- c) Bids must be submitted without contingencies.
- d) The Website does not permit any party that is currently in default for non-payment or non-removal of items under any GSA auction to place a Bid. Once such party cures its default (and has registered to become a Bidder in accordance with the terms of this IFB), the Bidder will be permitted to place a Bid on the Website.

## **CONTINUOUS BIDDING RESULTS AND AUCTION INFORMATION**

Bidders are strongly encouraged to monitor bidding activity on the Website. Bids are immediately posted on the Website upon receipt. If a Bidder does not have the High Bid and the Auction has not closed, that Bidder can place another Bid. Bids cannot be lowered or canceled provided, however, that a Bidder can decrease the maximum amount of its proxy Bid to the extent and in the manner described in the Flat Bidding and Proxy Bidding; Increasing a Bid Online Section below.

If a Bid is not accurately shown on the Website, call GSA at 617-565-5700. Bidders are urged to pay close attention to the Website which will contain new, revised, and useful information regarding the High Bid, the Bid Increment and the closing date of the Auction. It is each Bidder's responsibility to monitor the Website for any updates to the Property and the IFB.

## **FLAT BIDDING AND PROXY BIDDING; INCREASING A BID ONLINE**

- a) The Website allows Bidders to place flat Bids or proxy Bids:
  1. A flat Bid is a Bid with an amount that is the then lowest amount that the Website will allow to be placed in order to participate in the Auction. This means that a flat Bid will be either: (i) the starting amount of the Auction (if a Bidder is the first Bidder to place a Bid); or (ii) an amount that is the then current High Bid plus the Bid Increment. This amount will not increase unless such Bidder manually submits another Bid on the Website.

2. Proxy bidding provides a Bidder with the ability to submit a Bid with a maximum amount that a Bidder is willing to pay for the Property, provided, however, that such maximum amount must be greater than the then current High Bid plus the Bid Increment. Note that such maximum amount does not need to be a numeric multiple of the Bid Increment, but must be a whole dollar amount. If a Bidder uses proxy bidding, the Website will automatically incrementally Bid on that Bidder's behalf to keep that Bidder's Bid as the then current High Bid until such maximum amount is reached. This means that, in certain instances, an amount greater or lesser than the Bid Increment may be placed by the Website. The maximum amount that a Bidder includes in its proxy Bid is not disclosed to other Bidders.
- b) If a Bidder selects to receive e-mail notifications during registration, the Website will provide notification to such Bidder if its Bid is no longer the then current High Bid. If a Bidder desires to submit another Bid, it can submit another flat Bid or reset its maximum Bid amount under its proxy Bid until such time that the Auction closes. The Registration Deposit will apply to all subsequently placed Bids.
- c) When two proxy Bids compete, the proxy Bid containing the higher maximum amount that a Bidder is willing to pay for the Property will surpass the proxy Bid containing the lesser maximum amount that a Bidder is willing to pay for the Property even if the higher maximum amount does not exceed the lesser maximum amount by the full Bid Increment. In such a case, this means that the higher maximum amount of the proxy Bid will be placed.
- d) A Bidder may increase or decrease its maximum amount under its proxy Bid at any time provided, however, that a Bidder may not decrease its maximum amount below the then current High Bid plus Bid Increment. If a Bidder's Bid is the then current High Bid, increasing such Bidder's maximum amount under its proxy Bid will not increase such High Bid unless and until another Bid is placed.
- e) **All Bids must be made on the Website. The Government reserves the right to modify the Bid Increment at any time prior to the close of the Auction.**

## **TRANSMISSION AND RECEIPT OF BIDS**

The Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the inability of the Bidder to transmit a Bid or the inability of the Government to receive a Bid for whatever reason. Failure to receive a Bid may include, but is not limited to the following:

- a) Receipt of a garbled or incomplete Bid.
- b) Availability or condition of the sending or receiving electronic equipment.
- c) Incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment and software.
- d) Malfunctioning of any network, computer hardware or software.
- e) Delay in transmission or receipt of a Bid.
- f) Failure of Bidder to properly identify the Bid.
- g) Security of Bid data.
- h) Inability of Bidder to enter a Bid. For example: due to lost or forgotten password or system lock due to repeated login failures.
- i) Unavailability of GSA personnel.

If a Bid is not accurately shown or a Bidder cannot enter a Bid on the Website, call GSA at 617-565-5700 for assistance.

The Website will NOT be available during the following system maintenance windows:

- Saturday: 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. CT
- Sunday: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. CT

The Website may NOT be available during the following system maintenance window:

- Wednesday: 5:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. CT

## **AUCTION CLOSE**

- a) Posting of the Initially Anticipated Close of Auction. The Government will post on the Website a date and time on which the auction is anticipated to close (the “**Initially Anticipated Close Date**”). Such posting will be made at least three business days prior to the Initially Anticipated Close Date. At the time of such posting, the time remaining prior to the Initially Anticipated Close Date will be shown on a “countdown clock” on the Website.
- b) Inactivity Period and Closing of Auction. In order for the Auction to close, the High Bid must remain unchanged for twenty-four hours (the “**Inactivity Period**”). The Inactivity Period will be posted on the Bidding Details section of the Website for the Property, after the announcement of the Initially Anticipated Close Date. If a new High Bid is received within the Inactivity Period or if the maximum amount that a Bidder is willing to pay for the Property under a proxy Bid is changed within the Inactivity Period, the Auction will extend for an additional twenty-four (24) hours promptly after posting of the new High Bid or changing of such maximum amount under a proxy Bid. The “countdown clock” will adjust accordingly to show the time remaining prior to the new anticipated close of the Auction. Each time a new High Bid is placed during an Inactivity Period or such maximum amount under a proxy Bid is changed during an Inactivity Period, the Auction will extend for an additional twenty-four (24) hours promptly after posting of the new High Bid or changing of such maximum amount under a proxy Bid. If the High Bid remains unchanged for a full twenty-four hour Inactivity Period, the Auction will close. **The Auction will be permitted to close on any day (including weekends and Federal Holidays), but will not close during those periods when the Website is closed for system maintenance as noted above.**

**Bidders are responsible for monitoring the Website for the posting of the Initially Anticipated Close Date, the Inactivity Period, and any adjustments to the time and date of the anticipated close of the Auction.**

## **CONTINUING OFFERS**

Each Bid received shall be deemed to be a continuing offer to purchase the Property until the earlier of: (a) 30 calendar days after the close of the Auction; or (b) the Bid is accepted or rejected by the Government. If the Government desires to accept any Bid after the expiration of such 30 calendar day period, the consent of the appropriate Bidder shall be obtained prior to such acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bid of the Backup Bidder shall be deemed to be a continuing offer to purchase the Property for the period of time that the Government retains the Registration Deposit of the Backup Bidder, as further described in the “Backup Bidder” Section below.

## **GOVERNMENT’S RIGHT TO ACCEPT A BID**

Following the close of the Auction, the Government shall have the right (but not the obligation) to accept a Bid that is most advantageous to the Government as determined by the Government in its sole and absolute discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount of the Bid will be the premiere factor used by the Government in determining whether to accept a Bid and, unless another factor raises a concern as



to the validity of the High Bid at the close of the Auction and/or the ability of the Bidder of such High Bid to complete the transactions contemplated by this IFB, it will be the only factor used.

## **BID EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF BIDDER**

- a) If the Bidder Registration Form is executed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the Bidder, it shall be accompanied by an authenticated copy of their Power of Attorney or other evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the Bidder.
- b) If the Bidder is a corporation, the Certificate of Corporate Bidder, included in this IFB, must be executed and accompany the Bidder Registration Form. Such certificate must be executed under the corporate seal of the Bidder by a duly authorized officer of the corporation other than the officer signing the Bidder Registration Form. In lieu of the Certificate, there may be attached to the Bidder Registration Form, copies of so much of the records of the corporation as will show the official character and authority of the officer signing the Bidder Registration Form, duly certified by the secretary or assistant secretary, under the corporate seal, to be true copies.
- c) If the Bidder is a partnership and all partners sign the Bidder Registration Form with a notation that they are all general partners, the Government will not ordinarily require any further proof of the existence of the partnership. If all the partners do not sign the Bidder Registration Form, then the names of all those except limited partners must be furnished on the Bidder Registration Form and the Government, in its discretion, may require evidence of the authority of the signer(s) to execute the Bidder Registration Form on behalf of the partnership.
- d) If the Bidder is a limited liability company, a Certificate of Corporate Bidder, included in this IFB, must be completed and executed by the manager of the limited liability company, and accompany the Bidder Registration Form.

## **NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION**

Notice by the Government of acceptance or rejection of the Bid shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given when faxed or mailed to the Bidder or its duly authorized representative at the fax/phone number or address indicated in the Bidder Registration Form. Rejection of a Bid shall also be deemed to have been sufficiently given upon the refund of a Registration Deposit, as described in the Refund of Registration Deposits Section below. The processing of a Registration Deposit by the Government shall not, in itself, constitute acceptance of any Bid. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or portions thereof for any reason.

## **AUCTION SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION**

The Government reserves the right to temporarily suspend or cancel the Auction for any reason (or no reason) without accepting any Bid and, further, has the right to resume the Auction or start a new auction at any time. In the event of a temporary suspension of the Auction due to technical problems or other bidding issues, the Government will re-open bidding with the High Bid that was posted to the Website immediately prior to the occurrence of such problems or issues, and allow the Auction to proceed according to the bidding terms described herein. The Government reserves the right to cancel the sale of the Property and/or Auction at any time and Registration Deposits will be returned to Bidders without interest or further obligation by the Government.

## **ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT AND TRANSACTION CLOSING**

Within two (2) business days of acceptance of the Accepted Bid, the Purchaser agrees to deposit an additional amount (the “**Additional Deposit**”) in the form of a certified check or cashier’s check, which when added to the Registration Deposit, will equal at least ten percent (10%) of the Purchase Price. Failure to provide the Additional Deposit will result in a default and forfeiture of the Registration Deposit.

At the time of closing, all monies paid by the Purchaser will be credited, without interest, towards the Purchase Price.

## **REFUND OF REGISTRATION DEPOSITS**

- a) Registration Deposits accompanying Bids that are rejected will be refunded to Bidders without interest. Bidders who provided Registration Deposits by check may elect to receive the refund by U.S. Treasury check or by EFT. Bidders will be required to provide GSA with a TIN to ensure the proper refund of the Registration Deposit by the U.S. Treasury. The TIN may be either a SSN or an EIN. The use of an individual's SSN is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), and will be collected only for the proper refund of the Registration Deposit. Refunds will only be processed to the same individual or entity identified by the TIN. Bidders requesting to receive a refund by EFT will be required to provide additional information to GSA including bank account information to process the refund. Registration Deposits provided by credit card will be credited to the same account number provided.
- b) The Registration Deposit received from the Backup Bidder will be held in the manner described in the section immediately below. The Registration Deposit of the Bidder with the Accepted Bid will be held in accordance with the Agreement of Sale. All other Registration Deposits will be processed for refunds after the close of the Auction. Refunds by U.S. Treasury check or by EFT will be processed in a timely manner but may require several weeks to complete. Refunds to a credit card will usually be processed within three business days.

## **BACKUP BIDDER**

The Government may elect to accept the Bid of the Backup Bidder if the Bidder of the originally Accepted Bid is unable to fully complete the transactions according to the terms and conditions of this IFB including, without limitation, if such Bidder fails to provide the Additional Deposit. The Backup Bidder's Registration Deposit may be retained, at the Government's discretion, without interest, until the Bidder of the originally Accepted Bid completes the transactions. If the Government elects to accept the Bid of the Backup Bidder, then the Backup Bidder becomes the Purchaser under the Agreement of Sale.

The Registration Deposit of the Backup Bidder will be returned in the event the Government does not elect to accept the Bid of the Backup Bidder. In the event that the Government is unable to complete the transaction with both the Bidder of the originally Accepted Bid and with the Backup Bidder, the Government reserves the right to consider the other remaining Bid(s) and accept any of the same if it is in the best interest of the Government, as determined by the Government in its sole discretion provided, however, that the Government will use the same evaluative factors described in the Government's Right to Accept a Bid Section above.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

GSA will make reasonable efforts to answer requests for additional information concerning the Property to facilitate preparation of Bids.

## **BIDDER RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERSTANDING THE IFB AND THE AUCTION**

Each Bid shall be deemed to have been made with full knowledge of all terms, conditions, and requirements contained in this IFB and any amendments made thereto prior to the acceptance of a Bid by the Government. Bidders are strongly encouraged to review the information pertaining to the Property on the Website. Bidders understand and agree that any notices of changes to the terms of the IFB and/or the Auction are satisfactory when made available on the Website

**WAIVER OF INFORMALITIES OR IRREGULARITIES**

The Government may, at its election, waive any minor informality or irregularity in Bids received.

# NOTICES AND COVENANTS

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The following Notice and Covenants will be inserted in the Quitclaim Deed.

## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE NOTIFICATION

*(The following is Model CERCLA Notification, Covenant, and Access language for (Timely Transfer) sale of property where no hazardous substances were stored, released, or disposed. This notification language may not be applicable to every property depending on the environmental condition and/or the landholding agency's interpretation of applicable CERCLA language).*

A. Notice Regarding Hazardous Substance Activity. Pursuant to 40 CFR 373.2 and Section 120(h)(3)(A)(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA) (42 U.S.C. §9620(h)(3)(A)(i)), and based upon a complete search of agency files, the United States gives notice that no hazardous substances have been released or disposed of or stored for one year or more on the Property.

B. CERCLA Covenant. Grantor warrants that all remedial action necessary to protect human health and the environment has been taken before the date of this conveyance. Grantor warrants that it shall take any additional response action found to be necessary after the date of this conveyance regarding hazardous substances located on the Property on the date of this conveyance.

1) This covenant shall not apply:

(a) in any case in which Grantee, its successor(s) or assign(s), or any successor in interest to the Property or part thereof is a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) with respect to the Property immediately prior to the date of this conveyance; OR

(b) to the extent that such additional response action or part thereof found to be necessary is the result of an act or failure to act of the Grantee, its successor(s) or assign(s), or any party in possession after the date of this conveyance that either:

- (i) results in a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance that was not located on the Property on the date of this conveyance; OR
- (ii) causes or exacerbates the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance the existence and location of which was known and identified to the applicable regulatory authority as of the date of this conveyance.

2) In the event Grantee, its successor(s) or assign(s), seeks to have Grantor conduct any additional response action, and, as a condition precedent to Grantor incurring any additional cleanup obligation or related expenses, the Grantee, its successor(s) or assign(s), shall provide Grantor at least 45 days written notice of such a claim. In order for the 45-day period to commence, such notice must include credible evidence that:

(a) the associated contamination existed prior to the date of this conveyance; and

(b) the need to conduct any additional response action or part thereof was not the result of any act or failure to act by the Grantee, its successor(s) or assign(s), or any party in possession.

C. Access. Grantor reserves a right of access to all portions of the Property for environmental investigation, remediation or other corrective action. This reservation includes the right of access to and use of available utilities at reasonable cost to Grantor. These rights shall be exercisable in any case in which a remedial action, response action, or corrective action is found to be necessary after the date of this conveyance, or in which access is necessary to carry out a remedial action, response action, or

corrective action on adjoining property. Pursuant to this reservation, the United States of America, and its respective officers, agents, employees, contractors, and subcontractors shall have the right (upon reasonable advance written notice to the record title owner) to enter upon the Property and conduct investigations and surveys, to include drilling, test-pitting, borings, data and records compilation and other activities related to environmental investigation, and to carry out remedial or removal actions as required or necessary, including but not limited to the installation and operation of monitoring wells, pumping wells, and treatment facilities. Any such entry, including such activities, responses or remedial actions, shall be coordinated with record title owner and shall be performed in a manner that minimizes interruption with activities of authorized occupants.

## **NOTICE OF DRINKING WATER RESTRICTION**

The Grantee is hereby informed and acknowledges that the ground water under the Property has been known to contain arsenic at levels higher than the legal limit as indicated in the U.S. Air Force Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) dated February 2007 (groundwater study results can be found in Appendix G-3 of the EBS posted on the Website). The Grantee covenants and agrees for itself, its successors and assigns forever, not to access or use ground water underlying the Property drinking water without prior written approval of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. For the purposes of this restriction, "ground water" shall have the same meaning as in 101(12) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.

Bidders are encouraged to contact the Maine State Department of Environmental Protection regarding groundwater on the Property. More information regarding naturally occurring arsenic can be found in a digest printed in June 2005 from the University of Maine, Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, "ARSENIC IN MAINE GROUNDWATER, Guidance for Small Water Systems." (<http://www.umaine.edu/WaterResearch/outreach/arsenic.htm>)

## **NOTICE OF POSSIBLE CHROMATED COPPER ARSENATE**

The Grantee is hereby informed that portions of the Property have been enclosed by fencing may contain pressure-treated lumber. Pressure-treated lumber is known to contain Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA). More information on CCA in pressure-treated timber can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/reregistration/cca/>

**BIDDER REGISTRATION FORM FOR PURCHASE OF  
GOVERNMENT REAL PROPERTY**

**Former Moscow OTHB Radar Site  
Stream Road Extension  
Sale/Lot Number: BOSTN111002001**

**USERNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as established at RealEstateSales.gov)

**REGISTRATION DEPOSIT: \$50,000.00**

**Bidder Information:** Please print or type legibly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**BIDDER REPRESENTS THAT HE/SHE OPERATES AS** (check which applies) See Bid Executed on Behalf of Bidder Section of the Invitation for Bids for instructions:

- ☐ An individual \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A partnership consisting of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A limited liability partnership consisting of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A corporation, incorporated in the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A limited liability company \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A trustee, acting for \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deposit** (check one):

☐ By certified or cashier's check made payable to the **U.S. General Services Administration**  
TIN or SS# \_\_\_\_\_ (please provide to expedite refund)

☐ By Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CSC/CVC \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard  
☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name of Bidder as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification and Authorization**

The undersigned bidder will be bound by any and all bids placed online at <http://www.realestatesales.gov> for the purchase of the property described in Invitation for Bids No. 1-PZ-11-0005 (the "IFB"). The undersigned bidder hereby certifies that it has read and understands the terms and conditions of the IFB and that any bid placed online at the above-referenced website will be made subject to the IFB and any and all amendments to the same. This Bidder Registration Form for Purchase of Government Real Property is also made subject to the terms of the IFB, and any and all amendments to the IFB. If a bidder is providing the Registration Deposit (as such term is described in the IFB) by credit card, the bidder must be the authorized cardholder and agrees that his or her credit card account will be debited the full amount of the Registration Deposit, as specified in the IFB. In the event the bidder becomes the Purchaser (as such term is defined in the IFB), the Registration Deposit will be applied towards the purchase price for the Property. In the event the bidder is not the Purchaser, the Registration Deposit will be refunded to the bidder as specified in the IFB. Information collected herein is governed by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) and is being collected only to register a bidder for the sale of Government property and to provide a proper refund of the Registration Deposit.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Registration Form with Registration Deposit to:**

U.S. General Services Administration  
Office of Real Property Utilization and Disposal (1PZ)  
Attn: Ms. Lawanda Maryland  
10 Causeway Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02222

FAX: 617.565.5720 (if deposit by credit card)

# CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE/ORGANIZATION BIDDER

## FORMER MOSCOW OTHB RADAR SITE MOSCOW, ME

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary or Other Title)

of the corporation/organization named as the bidder in the Bidder Registration Form for Purchase of  
Government Property (the "Form"); that \_\_\_\_\_ signed the Form  
(Name of Authorized Representative)

on behalf of such bidder as the \_\_\_\_\_ of said  
(Official Title)

corporation/organization; that the Form was duly signed for and on behalf of said  
corporation/organization by authority of its governing body and is within the scope of its  
corporate/organization powers; and that any bid placed for the purchase of the property is authorized by  
said corporation/organization and within the scope of its corporate/organization powers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Certifying Officer/Manager)

(Corporate Seal Here, if applicable)